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SECDEF FOR OSD/ISA, MG BOWMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: AWACS AND NIMROD AND OVER-THE-WATER

REF: (A) NATO 09410, (B) STATE 243472, (C) STATE 254061

1. WE GATHER FROM THE RECENT TRAFFIC ON AWACS, THAT THE  
STANDARDIZED US/NATO AIRCRAFT ENVISAGED FROM EUROPEAN  
DEPLOYMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE A CAPACITY FOR MARITIME  
SURVEILLANCE ALTHOUGH THE NIMROD AND THE E2C WOULD BE ABLE  
TO STAGE ESM FBR OVERWATER FLIGHTS.

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2. THE QUESTION OF MARITIME SURVEILLANCE IS ONE WE CAN  
ANTICIPATE ARISING WITHIN THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT AND  
THE PARLIAMENT WHEN THE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN AWACS  
IS PRESENTED. ANOTHER RECURRING GON CONCERN WHICH WILL  
DOUBTLESS COME UP, IS THE AMOUNT OF PATROLLING THE  
NORTHERN FLANK COULD REALISTICALLY EXPECT. WE WOULD BE  
IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO SUPPORT THE AWACS SCHEDULE

OUTLINED REF C IF WE HAD MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON THESE TWO POINTS.

3. THE PROPOSED END OCTOBER AWACS BRIEFING OF DEFENSE UNDER SECRETARY HOLST BY GENERAL BOWMAN, MENTIONED REF B, IS AN EXCELLENT AND TIMELY IDEA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED REPORTING ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SESSION.

4. COMMENT: UNLESS THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS IN A POSITION TO PRESENT A GOOD CASE TO THE STORTING (PARLIAMENT) JUSTIFYING INVESTMENT IN AWACS, THE GON'S SUPPORT IS NOT A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. BASIC TO THEIR DECISION WILL BE PERSUADING THEM THAT ADEQUATE ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AND TO THE NORTHERN FLANK, I.E., THAT THERE IS SOMETHING IN IT FOR NORWAY.  
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